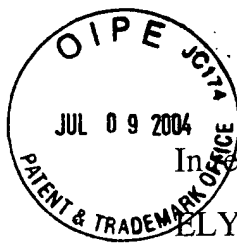


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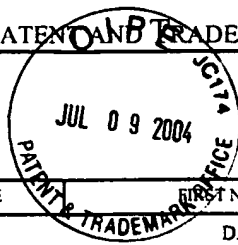
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The drawings filed 6-23-02 have been received. However, an inconsistency exists between the drawings and the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Figures \_\_\_\_\_ are listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification but not contained in the Drawings.

Figures 34b are contained in the Drawings but not listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Applicant is required to correct the above-noted inconsistency within a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer**, from the mailing date of this Notice, or within the time remaining in the time period set forth in the Notice of Allowability (Form PTOL-37) to file corrected drawings, whichever is longer. **NO EXTENSION OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136 (a) OR (b)**

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